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PRICE \$21 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 5, THALES, British steamer, 820, T. G. Pocock, Foochow 30th May, Taiwanfu 3rd June, and Amoy 4th, General—DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.

June 6, TWED, British gunboat, from Canton.

June 6, JAPAN, British steamer, 1,935, T. S. Gardner, Calcutta 17th May, Penang 27th, and Singapore 30th, General—DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.

June 6, PERTH, British steamer, 954, Honourable, Shanghai 3rd June, General—SHIRNESS & CO.

June 6, MONARCH, British steamer, 859, C. H. Loft, Bangkok 31st May, General—YUEN FAT HONG.

June 6, KUNGTAI, Chinese steamer, 602, Buchanan 6th May, General—O. M. S. CO.

June 6, DUBLINER, British steamer, 650, Rewin, Canton 6th June, General—CHINESE.

June 6, LYTTON, French steamer, 435, A. Garcon, Haiphong 4th June, General—A. R. MADRY.

June 6, ALWYN, German steamer, 400, F. Moes, Quinton 31st May, and Hoihiong 5th June, General—WHEELER & CO.

June 6, MARY ANN, British steamer, 140, H. Koch, Haiphong 29th May, via Pakhol, General—ALEXANDER LEWY.

CLERANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

6TH JUNE.

Harper, British str., for Saigon.

SIE, British str., for Saigon.

Kemera, British str., for Amoy.

Don Juan, Spanish str., for Amoy.

DEPARTURES.

6TH JUNE.

Hardy, British str., for Hoilow.

JUNE 6, ANNA BERTIL, German bark, for Quinhon.

HAMPSHIRE, British str., for Saigon.

FRANCIS, British str., for San Francisco.

JUNE 6, VENORA, British str., for Europe.

JUNE 6, HAZER, British str., for Saigon.

JUNE 6, PEKING, British str., for Canton.

PASSAGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Japan, str., from Calcutta, &c.—Mrs. T. S. Gurney, Mrs. J. Taylor and child, Sir Charles Leslie, Mrs. E. R. Rowan, Dinsdale Duddaby, Judah, and Zamora, 2nd Class deck.

Per Thales, str., from Port Coast—Rev Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and family, Miss Howell and Messrs. Corlett (2), and Summers, 2nd Class.

Per Peking, str., from Shanghai—20 Chinese.

Per Monghut, str., from Bangkok—9 Chinese.

Per Nam-sun, str., from Haiphong—Mr. Imbert, and 18 Chinese.

Per Alwyn, str., from Quinhon, &c.—12 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per P. & O. VENICE, for Singapore—Capt. Lyle. For Marseilles—Mrs. Hansfield, Miss Lammer, and Dr. R. Young. For London via Marseilles—Mr. F. D. Palmer. For London—Mr. H. H. Allon, and child, and Mr. A. G. Morris and family. Mr. S. S. H. and family, Mr. F. M. and Mrs. L. B. F. For Shanghai.

For Singapore—Mr. Fordevald, Messrs. B. White and R. Stalham. For London via Marseilles—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Allon and child, and Mr. E. Wherry. For London—Mrs. Nightingale, infant and nurse, Mr. E. Balfour, and Mr. C. T. Corine. From Yokohama—Mr. and Mrs. Boddy, Per Peking, str., for Singapore—Dr. and Mrs. Boddy. Per Peking, str., and Mrs. Koh Leung Tat, daughter and 2 servants, to DEPART.

Per Thibet, str., for Yokohama—Mr. J. M. Armstrong; from London, Messrs. A. F. Bonson, J. Springer, G. Wollensack, and A. Ahrens, and Mrs. Murray's amanu; from Brindisi, Mr. C. S. Sampson. For Nagasaki; from Brindisi, Mr. Ringer.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Peking reports left Shanghai on the 3rd inst., and had light East and N.E. wind, cloudy and overcast weather throughout.

The British steamer Monghut reports left Bangkok on the 31st ult., and experienced variable winds and equally weather throughout.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

FRIDAY, 6th June.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/8
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/8
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/9
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/9
Doubtful Bills, at 3 months' sight 3/9
ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 4/69
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/76
ON BONN.—Bank 3 days' sight 2/25
ON CALIFORNIA.—Bank 3 days' sight 2/25
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, sight 7/24
Private, 30 days' sight 7/24

SHARPS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—12½ per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$550 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$75 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,400 per share.

Yangtze River Insurance Association—Tls. 135 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—\$180 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$95 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—10 per cent. share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$83 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—38 per cent. premium.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$48 per share premium.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—2/7 per cent. discount.

China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—10 per cent. discount.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—83 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$145 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—116 per cent. premium.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—\$100 per share.

Lung-Sun Refining Company, Limited—\$89 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$145 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$100 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$185 per share.

Salween Tin Mining Company—\$300 per share.

Peck Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 35 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1877—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—1 per cent. pm.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FALCONER & CO., Engineers.)

JULY 1st.

Temperature at 8 A.M. 59.825

Barometer 30.312

Temperature at 1 P.M. 77.5

Barometer 30.312

Temperature at 4 P.M. 85

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Temperature at 7 P.M. 75

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TRACTS.

LAND CRABS ON THE CONGO.

There's danger in the place. Darno lost it and slaves. They who have drained it, alas! too often carry graves. It sparkles to failure. With little to live on, it is hard to hide or to cure. Only its course to fight. It changes men to brutes. Makes woman bow their heads. It is a curse to the world with anguish, with disease, with death. And takes from children bread. Then dashes them away, and scatters the serpent flock.

Drink pure cold water.

day by day.

walk.

GOD'S FOOTSTOOL FREE!

LILLI N. CUSHMAN, in Chicago Sun.

A STARTLING DISCOVERY.

It is certainly a startling discovery for two persons, total strangers to each other, to find, on casually making acquaintance, that they are both married to the same woman. The mutual friend who recently, at a New York cafe, introduced two gentlemen thus situated to one another, had not the slightest knowledge of this domestic incident, otherwise he would probably have acted differently. The men chatted pleasantly about Germany, to which country they belonged, about America, and other subjects, one of them alluding to his past, remarking that his greatest regret was an unfortunate marriage contracted 10 or 12 years back, conjugal felicity only lasting four months, after which his wife deserted him. His companion explained that three years ago he had married, his wife leaving him at the expiry of eight days. Talking over their common experiences of domestic misery led ultimately to the discovery that both the wives answered to the name of Sophie, that both were stout and short of stature; and a suspicion of the truth crossing both men's minds, they drew portraits of the faultless matrons from their pockets, to find that they had been summing up the meidoids of the same woman. They shook hands thereupon, condoned with each other, and decided to get Sophie punished for bigamy.

THE FACIAL SIGNS OF A SINGER.

The following signs will be found in the face of all eminent singers, and any one having once observed them can detect musical ability and talent at first sight. To comprehend genius requires more study, but all can learn the signs for musical ability. The most significant signs are found in the mouth, lines, checks, and ear, these being the media which produce and receive sound. The mouth is of medium or large size. The lips full and well developed; the ear rounding at the top, with an unbroken rim, and many fletings or convolutions of the auricle, or external ear, for we are now examining only the external signs. The lower portion of the ear terminates in a heavy pendant lobe, and this peculiarity is possessed by all good singers. The lobe being large or small, according to the degree of muscular development of the individual, which, of course, varies in quantity, as well as in quality, in different persons. The nose is usually disproportionately short, thick, rounded, and of soft cariousine nature, with very small bones, hardly discernible. Relative length of the face from the tip of the nose to the point of the chin is characteristic of all singers who possess powerful voices. This formation is a mechanical necessity, for without it the roof of the mouth would not be high enough to give volume of tone. The chin is usually well developed, seldom receding (for here, again, suitable mechanical construction must assist), rounding, soft, and muscular, the bones almost entirely hidden by muscle and adipose tissue; and the skin of nearly all singers, as well as in the skin of artists, poets, painters, composers, and actors, we shall find a dimple, which is always an indication of an art-loving nature—the eyes large and convex. The cheeks of singers are round, full, and dimpled, the throat full and muscular, the thorax expansive, and the waist ample. Indeed, I have never seen a great singer with a waist waist; nor a great woman in any department of art or literature with such formation, for it is not possible for the heart and lungs to furnish to the brain sufficient well-oxygenated blood where this species of deformity exists.—*Argonaut*.

AN IRRESISTIBLE LONGING.

A gentleman having, at the invitation of the superintendent of an insane asylum in Massachusetts, inspected the interior of the building, asked leave to go out into the grounds. The superintendent showed him the way, and then left him for a few moments, with the assurance that the patients who were at work in the garden were harmless. The gentleman was met, as he stepped into the garden, by a quiet, respectable-looking man, who bowed pleasantly, and asked if he might show him through the grounds. Taking him for the gardener, the visitor thanked him and accepted his offer. They walked together, and the visitor was surprised at his companion's intelligence and refinement. He was apparently a thorough horticulturist, and spoke thoroughly upon the flowers they examined. Pausing before a gorgeous bed of pansies, he stooped down and picked half-a-dozen buds and handed them to the visitor, with the words: "Observe these colours, different in each flower, and yet each colour is so placed as to blend, or to make an agreeable contrast with the colour beside. No bad taste here; tell you when God sorts the colours He doesn't very often make mistakes." They walked slowly along, talking on various topics, and as they passed by a small cross that the man picked up a sickle at his nose, and struck the man and exclaimed: "You have not, I think, noticed anything strange in my conversation?" "Why, no, I answered the visitor, in surprise, "except that I have enjoyed it exceedingly, and am much obliged to you for your kindness." "There is nothing in my appearance to cause you to doubt my sanity," he said. "Not at all," replied the other, beginning to feel a little uneasy. "You would that take me for a sane man, wouldn't you?" "Certainly." "Well, to be frank with you, I am sane on all the subjects we have touched upon. But you know," said he, as he drew a little nearer, and whispered in the visitor's ear, "do you know I have an impossible longing to cut a man's head off? I can't control it when it comes over me. I haven't had such a longing to-day, but I never can tell when it will seize me. It may be at any moment. I can't tell." Imagine the feelings of the visitor at this confession! Just then the superintendent appeared, with anxious look on his face. He was attended by two keepers, who took the sickle from the man and led him into the building. The superintendent explained to his frightened friend that the man was a dangerous patient. By some trick he had that morning escaped the vigilance of his keepers and strayed into the garden. The visitor congratulated himself on his escape, but was nevertheless so shocked that insane asylums are not at present his most attractive resting places.

SWORDS IN THE EAST.

The best type of the curved weapon (referred to as the "Sword of the East" in the *Magazine of Art*) has been produced by oriental peoples. From the artistic point of view nothing can be better. The scimitar of the Persian model have a beauty of form worthy of their material, the so-called Damascus steel. The Eastern preference for a curved blade was not artistic, but, arose from certain practical considerations of an apparently plausible kind. The typical oriental warrior is always a horseman, and it is easier to slash on horseback than to thrust. Then, to a drawing out with a curved blade gives a singularly ugly wound. But the peoples of the East have probably kept to their old form of sword simply because they are born to be the stupid victims of routine as the sparks fly upwards. The Moors of Granada were not using the same strategy and the same weapons long after their inferiority had been proved to demonstration. Diego Hurtado de Mendoza, the author of "Lazaro de Tormes," and father of the picturesque novel which in time culminated in "Gilligan"!—comments on their obstinacy in his history of the Morisco revolt. The Moors, he says, suffered terribly in the skirmishes of that war because they persisted in using the edge and not the point, as the Spaniards did. The yatagan—of Byronic associations—was a very typical oriental weapon. It is beautiful and with terrible to look at—a sharp pointed blade with an edge on the inside curve. But it is the sword of a nation of butchers, good for cutting throats, but comparatively useless for purposes of honest fighting. Oriental weapons will always have a great value, both for their beauty of form and their exquisite ornamentation, but their inferiority as swords has been proved a hundred times over.

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